Faculty Merit Foundation

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CHARLESTON - West Virginia University's Marcello R. Napolitano has been chosen Professor of the Year by the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia.

Napolitano, a mechanical and aerospace engineering professor with the Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources in Morgantown.

The award was presented March 13 at a banquet in the Great Hall of the Culture Center.

Gregory P. Noone, a law and political science professor at Fairmont State University, was first runner-up. Other finalists for the award: Yi Charlie Chen, a biology professor at Alderson-Broaddus College; Laura H. Claytor, a professor in the Department of Nursing Education at Shepherd University; and Phil O. McClung, a psychology professor at WVU-Parkersburg.

Napolitano has been a WVU faculty member since 1990. He earned a Ph.D. in aerospace engineering from Oklahoma State University and his master's in aeronautical engineering from the University of Naples Federico II, Italy. Along with Mario Perhinschi, Napolitano developed the MAE Flight Simulation Laboratory. WVU is one of a handful of academic institutions in the country and abroad with this type of state-of-the-art educational laboratory.

The center is used for teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in flight dynamics, flight simulation and flight controls.

Says Brian Stolarik, the vice president of the mission systems group of the West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation: "Dr. Napolitano's innovative approaches to industry-relevant problems continue to promote WVU and West Virginia on a national and international scale.

"[His] development of relative navigation flight control is a significant contribution to the U.S. Air Force's Automated Aerial Refueling program, which seeks to autonomously refuel a pilotless airplane during flight."

Stolarik, a former student, noted that "Napolitano's students excel as a result of his creativity in teaching."

Since 1984, the Faculty Merit Foundation has honored an outstanding faculty member at a West Virginia college or university. The award winner receives a $10,000 cash prize, with smaller awards to the other finalists. The Professor of the Year award is presented with financial support from United Bank.
Shepherd's Renaissance Players to present plays

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Shepherd University's Rude Mechanicals Medieval and Renaissance Players will present "Holy Harlots: Two Medieval Plays about Prostitutes" during the next week.

The play begins at 7:30 p.m. on March 23, 24, 30 and 31; 2 p.m. on March 25; 9 p.m. on March 28 and 29. Performances will be held in Reynolds Hall.

Tickets will be available at the door. Ticket prices are $5 for the general public; $2 for Shepherd University faculty and staff; and free for Shepherd students.

For information, contact Betty Elzey at 304-876-5208 or belzey@shepherd.edu.
Celtic Roots travel class offered

SHEPHERDSTOWN - The Appalachian Studies Program at Shepherd University is sponsoring a Celtic Roots travel course in spring 2013. The course will include a travel component to Ireland, Scotland and parts of England influenced by Celtic culture and heritage. Shepherd and community members are invited to join students on this journey into the Celtic heartland.

For more information about the travel course, visit webpages.shepherd.edu/sshurbut/travelcourse1.htm.

Travelers should contact Dr. Sylvia Bailey Shurbutt, Appalachian studies coordinator, at sshurbut@shepherd.edu. Initial deadline for the $500 deposit is Saturday.
Stealey named to board of trustees

SHEPHERDSTOWN - Dr. John E. Stealey III, of Shepherdstown, has been named to the McMurran Hall board of trustees.

Stealey, distinguished professor emeritus of history, retired in 2011 after a teaching career at Shepherd University that spanned 42 years. During his years as a history professor, he instructed approximately 8,000 students. His courses in West Virginia and Appalachian and lower Shenandoah Valley history became legendary among students.

A seventh-generation West Virginian from Clarksburg, Stealey received his education at West Virginia University, where he earned his doctorate in history in 1970. He served 21 years as president of the Jefferson County Historical Society and for 24 years edited its annual journal. He also served as president of Old Charles Town Library Inc. and was on its board of directors. Since 1984, he has chaired the visiting committee of the West Virginia University Libraries.

Stealey is a member of the Sons of Revolution and numerous professional associations including the Southern Historical Association, Organization of American Historians, American Historical Association and Virginia Historical Society. He has published 37 articles, encyclopedia entries and chapters of books, reviewed 41 books for scholarly journals and published three books with academic presses.

Stealey's fourth book, "West Virginia Civil War Era Constitution: Loyal Revolution, Confederate Counter-Revolution, and the Convention of 1872," will be published by the Kent State University Press in 2013. Stealey pursues an active research and writing schedule at his Shepherdstown home, where he resides with his wife, Patricia, and keeps horses.
Celtic Roots program planning trip to United Kingdom
by From staff reports

Participants are being sought for a Celtic Roots program at Shepherd University. The program is planning a trip to the United Kingdom in the spring of 2013.

The course will focus on both Appalachian and Celtic literature.

Participants will visit parts of Ireland, Scotland and England.

Those interested in joining the course need to contact coordinator Sylvia Bailey Shurbutt at sshur...@shepherd.edu. A $500 deposit is needed by March 31.
Shepherd social work program reaccredited

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SHEPHERDSTOWN - Shepherd University’s social work program, one of the first programs in the state to be accredited in 1976, recently received its reaccreditation for the next eight years from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

Doug Horner, chair of the Department of Social Work, said that the accreditation is important to the institution and critical for students in order to sit for licensing exams.

The accreditation process includes a two and a half year self-study and is based on 10 competencies and 41 practice behaviors for graduates, which include attending to professional roles and boundaries; recognizing and managing personal values in a way that allows professional values to guide practice; and distinguishing, appraising and integrating multiple sources of knowledge, including research-based knowledge and practice wisdom.

The site visit took place Oct. 17, 2011; representatives from the CSWE met with community members, the social work advisory board, and students and examined the mission, goals, objectives, assessment and diversity within the program.

“We have received excellent support from President Suzanne Shipley and Richard Helldobler, vice president for academic affairs. They have always been complimentary of the program,” Horner said.
SHEPHERDSTOWN - The Shepherd University Writing Tutor Program, part of the Academic Support Center (ASC), was recently reaccredited by the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA), a national organization that provides professional development for college professionals active in college tutoring programs.

The program is reaccredited every five years. By following CRLA training standards, Shepherd’s Academic Support Center has set itself apart from most tutoring programs.

According to T.C. Williams, writing specialist for the Writing Tutor Program, the certification is a resume builder for tutors.

“For us it means we have a prestigious program, and it sets us apart from other programs in the nation,” Williams said. “It puts us in the minority to have a CRLA-certified program and is a resume builder that accredits them as a CRLA tutor, signifying they’ve had additional training.”

Emily Gross, director of academic support, said that she is trying to develop the CRLA training on a larger scale for other areas of the ASC and is using the writing program as a model.

Tutors must complete English 377, peer tutoring and composition theory, to be considered an applicant. An extension of their training includes tutoring hours and tutor meetings once a month, which have mini training sessions.

“Currently, 14 writing tutors are actively working on their certification,” Gross said.

Williams also coordinates the Stretch English program, a model of developmental English adopted nationwide, which allows the English 101 course to be stretched over two semesters instead of one and gives students more time to digest material and a smaller class size. Some tutors from the writing program work with the Stretch classes and will conduct writing labs in the classroom.

This semester, the Writing Center has an influx of tutors available for students who need assistance with their papers. In addition to working with the Stretch English classes, Writing Program tutors also are available for walk-in appointments, and also for ShepOwl, an online paper review service offered by the Writing Program.

The Writing Program will be up for accreditation again in 2016.
Professor receives research award

Wang to conduct mathematical modeling studies on tumor cells

March 27, 2012

SHEPHERDSTOWN - Qing Wang, assistant professor of mathematics, has received a West Virginia- IDEA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence predominantly undergraduate institutions (PUI) Research Award for $223,928 for two years. The grant was matched with $36,150 from Shepherd.

The funding from this award will allow her to conduct mathematical modeling studies on tumor cells, a new research initiative at Shepherd that builds on her previous work modeling disease spread.

Wang said she is thankful to the administration at Shepherd, which she said provides strong support during the grant application process for faculty who wish to pursue research opportunities.

Wang will work with David Kline, of West Virginia University, on her project. Co-investigators on the project are Shepherd’s Adam Parks, assistant professor of biology, and Zhijun Wang, assistant professor of computer sciences. Two Shepherd undergraduate students will also work on this project, thereby receiving exposure to biomedical research.

The long-term goal of this research is to identify treatments for cancer that combine chemotherapies and immunotherapies for maximum clinical benefit using in silico screening. Undergraduate students will also be exposed to contemporary research questions as well as the relationship between mathematics and biology.

This research project contributes to improving public health by developing an efficient cancer treatment using a combination of immunotherapy and chemotherapy. The model, analysis, and simulation results will enrich cancer treatment study and help guide the development of new mixed combination of cancer therapies with a cost-effective potential.
Shepherd's Chamber Singers to perform

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The Shepherd University a cappella choirs Chamber Singers, Women's Camerata, and Men's Choir will join the new Vocal Jazz Octet at 8 p.m. March 31 in the Frank Theater. The centerpiece of the concert is Requiem by Herbert Howells, as well as Mass No. 9 by György Orban.

The Chamber Singers is a mostly a cappella ensemble concentrating on masterpieces of the 20th century. The ensemble is made up of 20 to 24 students each year. While most of the members are vocal majors, other music majors and Shepherd students participate. The Women's Camerata, under the direction of Erik Reid Jones, is an ensemble of 30 to 35 female singers comprised of voice majors, music majors, and students from other disciplines at Shepherd. The Men's Choir, under the direction of Joseph Regan, is an ensemble of 12 to 15 male voices singing jazz, doo-wop, barbershop and classical male choir literature. The new Vocal Jazz Octet will be premiering several works in the vocal jazz style.

General admission to the concert is $10; $5 for faculty, staff and students 18 and under; and free to Shepherd students and Friends of Music MAC cardholders. Admission and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The box office opens one hour prior to performance.

For information, contact the Shepherd Concertline at 304-876-5555, or visit www.shepherd.edu/musicweb.
Shepherd to host 10th annual Relay For Life fundraiser

Event raises money for cancer research

March 29, 2012

Shepherdstown - Shepherd University will host the 10th annual Relay For Life on Friday in the Wellness Center. To date, Shepherd has raised $43,990 toward its $80,000 goal. Upon reaching the goal, Shepherd will have raised $500,000 as an institution since Relay began 10 years ago.

This year, the event will kick off with a reception at 3 p.m. hosted by the Office of Alumni Relations and the Shepherd University Alumni Association in front of McMurran Hall. The torch run on German Street will begin at 4 p.m. and continue across campus to the Wellness Center. A hay wagon will be available for survivors wishing to ride from the torch run on German Street to the opening ceremony at the Wellness Center.

The opening ceremony will be held at 4:30 p.m., and the event will continue through the night with raffles, games, a racquetball tournament, rock climbing wall and food. Marshall Moneymaker of For 3 Sisters will also be speaking at the event. The Survivor Lap will begin at 6 p.m.

This year, 30 survivors will be honored. Luminaries will be for sale in honor of a cancer survivor or someone who has passed. The luminary ceremony will be held at 9:30 p.m.

Holly Frye, assistant vice president for student affairs, is encouraging community members to attend and show their support for those who have fought cancer.

Sponsors for this year's event include Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races, Fargo Insurance Group, Peps, Prettyman Broadcasting, Shepherd University Dining Services, Shepherd University Wellness Center and River and Trail Outfitters.

Since 2003, Shepherd's Relay For Life has raised $429,631 and has brought students and community members together each spring to raise money for cancer research.

- From staff reports

IF YOU GO

What: 10th annual Relay For Life

When: Event kicks off with a reception at 3 p.m. Friday

Where: In front of McMurran Hall, Shepherd University, Shepherdstown
Shepherd University will host the Jazz Ensemble and Lab Band, under the direction of Dr. Kurtis Adams, and Jazz Combo, under the direction of Dr. Nathan Lincoln-DeCusatis, at the Frank Center, Tuesday, Apr. 16 at 6 p.m. Works by Maceo Parker, Hank Levy, Chris Potter, and many others will be performed. The Jazz Ensemble will perform a special piece called "Hang Gliding" by Marc Schneider.

Dr. Kurtis Adams received his bachelor of music education degree from Tennessee Tech University and his master of music in performance and doctor of musical arts in jazz studies from the University of Colorado. As an integral part of the Colorado music community, he performed with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra, Colorado Music Festival Orchestra, Ultraphonic Jazz Orchestra, Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra, and the 9th & Lincoln Orchestra. Adams has shared the stage with great musicians including Arturo Sandovaal, Paquito D'Rivera, Greg Churbuck, Pete Bonchini, Jeff Jenkins, Brad Goode, Peter Sommer, and Paul Lomainte. In 2005, Downbeat Magazine named Adams the College Composer of the Year. He was also selected to participate in the Paquito D'Rivera Latin Jazz Workshop and the Grammy-winning saxophonist at Carnegie Hall in New York.

Adams was visiting assistant professor of jazz studies at Boise State University before joining Shepherd in 2010 as director of jazz studies. Dr. Nathan Lincoln-DeCusatis is an award-winning Washington, D.C., composer whose past and current projects include performances by the Chesapeake Orchestra, the Left Bank Quartet, saxophonist Noah Getz, and flautist Molly Baeth, and upcoming commissions by the Inscape Ensemble and the piano and saxophone duo Six Impossible Things. Recent awards and accolades include a 2006 Walpurgis prize in composition for his string quartet Quinta Corda, a River Concert Series commission for a large orchestra and narrator celebrating the 375th anniversary of the founding of the Maryland colony in 2009, and an American Music Center CAP award.

At Shepherd, Lincoln-DeCusatis teaches composition and jazz piano. The Shepherd University Jazz Ensemble has performed throughout the East Coast and Europe and is in high demand as a festival band in jazz festivals around the globe. Invited to the world-renowned Montreux Jazz Festival in 2003, the Jazz Ensemble played throughout Switzerland and Italy on a nine-day concert tour. In 1999, the band took its Ellington Tour to England and France. In the United States the ensemble has been featured at the Longwood, Blue Ridge, and East Coast Jazz festivals, as well as regional festivals throughout Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and New Jersey. The group is regularly featured in the Friends of Music annual Tuxedo Junction gala.

General admission to the show is $10 for adults, $5 for students, faculty, and staff, and free to Shepherd students and Friends of Music MAC Clubholders. Admission and seating is first-come, first-served. Box office opens one hour prior to performance. For more information, call 304-876-5333 or visit www.shepherd.edu/music.
Walkers to hit the trail for cancer research

813 participants to raise awareness during Relay

By Chuck Cora
Special to The Chronicle

Sixty-three teams, 813 participants and one goal: cure cancer. Shepherd University’s Relay For Life 2012 is set to be a monumental success. From students to survivors and everyone in between, Relay For Life unites people every year to help fight a disease that has touched so many lives. Shepherd University’s Relay For Life is always one of the biggest events on campus every year, and Shepherd has generated over $542,908,000 since first taking part in 2003.

Shepherd’s goal is to reach $80,000 this year. While his goal is ambitious, they have already raised $44,000. “We’re raised so much and haven’t even set foot on the track,” Ana Manzano, Advocacy Chair and American Cancer Society Action Cancer Network worker, said in regard to the fundraising goal. “We have been working hard all year to make this happen.” Manzano attributed something many do not realize. That a vast amount of fundraising actually occurs on-site at the event.

Though Relay For Life is typically held outdoors near the student center and midway, this year it will take place in the Shepherd Wellness Center. “In the past we’ve had issues with weather, causing us to move everyone during the event,” Manzano said. Manzano said the committee for Elizabeth Hess and Pat Walsh, co-captains for the SU Survivor’s Team, guard their prize winning pot of chilli.

Walkers

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the event voted to hold it inside this year, creating a more tight-knit community that will avert any bad weather. During relay, the wellness center will be holding zumba classes, opening the pool and even serving food to hungry relay-goers.

Students at Shepherd make up the majority of participants, however faculty and community members always have a strong showing. Along with the various teams representing different organizations and groups of students, Shepherd’s relay also has a team specifically for cancer survivors. According to Manzano, survivors have participated more than ever this year. In fact the survivor’s team, captained by Elizabeth Hess and Pat Walsh, recently won the Chili Cook-off fundraiser.

Welsh shared that the SU Survivors Team is in its first year at Shepherd. “This year we survivors decided to give back and form a team,” Welsh said. Spearheaded by co-captains Elizabeth Hess (Telecommunications) and Welsh, the recruitment has been so successful there are a total of 19 at this time. One of the team’s highlights was entering the Shepherd Relay For Life “Chili Cook Off” placing first out of 14 entries.

“In addition we are in the ‘Pennies War’ and at this time I heard in first place with over 8,000 pennies,” Welsh said. “As a survivor, I want to give back to all those who supported me through my treatments. I always say to everyone, ‘If I have touched one person then I have done my job.’”

Despite the limited confines of the Wellness Center, Relay For Life at Shepherd is set to have another great year. Community members are highly encouraged to come and participate. Be sure to bring your walking shoes, wallet, and drive to fight cancer. The event will be held from Friday, March 30 at 4 p.m. and last until 6 a.m. the next morning.
Beverly Maione addresses Shepherd University students, faculty, staff and community members for the university’s Diversity and Cultural Competence: Create and Cultivate with Courage and Compassion seminar. Maione, the CEO of the National League for Nursing, was the keynote speaker for the event and shared her experiences and advice for creating a strategic plan and vision for furthering oneself, business or institution. The event was co-sponsored by the Department of Nursing Education, the Division of Student Affairs, Multicultural Student Affairs and the Diversity and Equity Committee.